

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of communicating with another person, or "helper", who speaks a foreign, or "target", language. The method includes using a device having a speaker to play instructions and phrases in the target language. The phrases query the helper and can include canned phrases that are pre-programmed on the CD-ROM and user programmed custom phrases stored in the EEPROM. The instructions request the helper to respond to the phrases not in his or her own (or target) language, but rather with head movements, hand gestures such as pointing, drawings, or any other non-verbal response or "universal" method that does not require the traveler to understand the target language.